

## RECYCLE e-BITS

(excerpts from US-EPA “12 Tips for Reducing Solid Waste”)

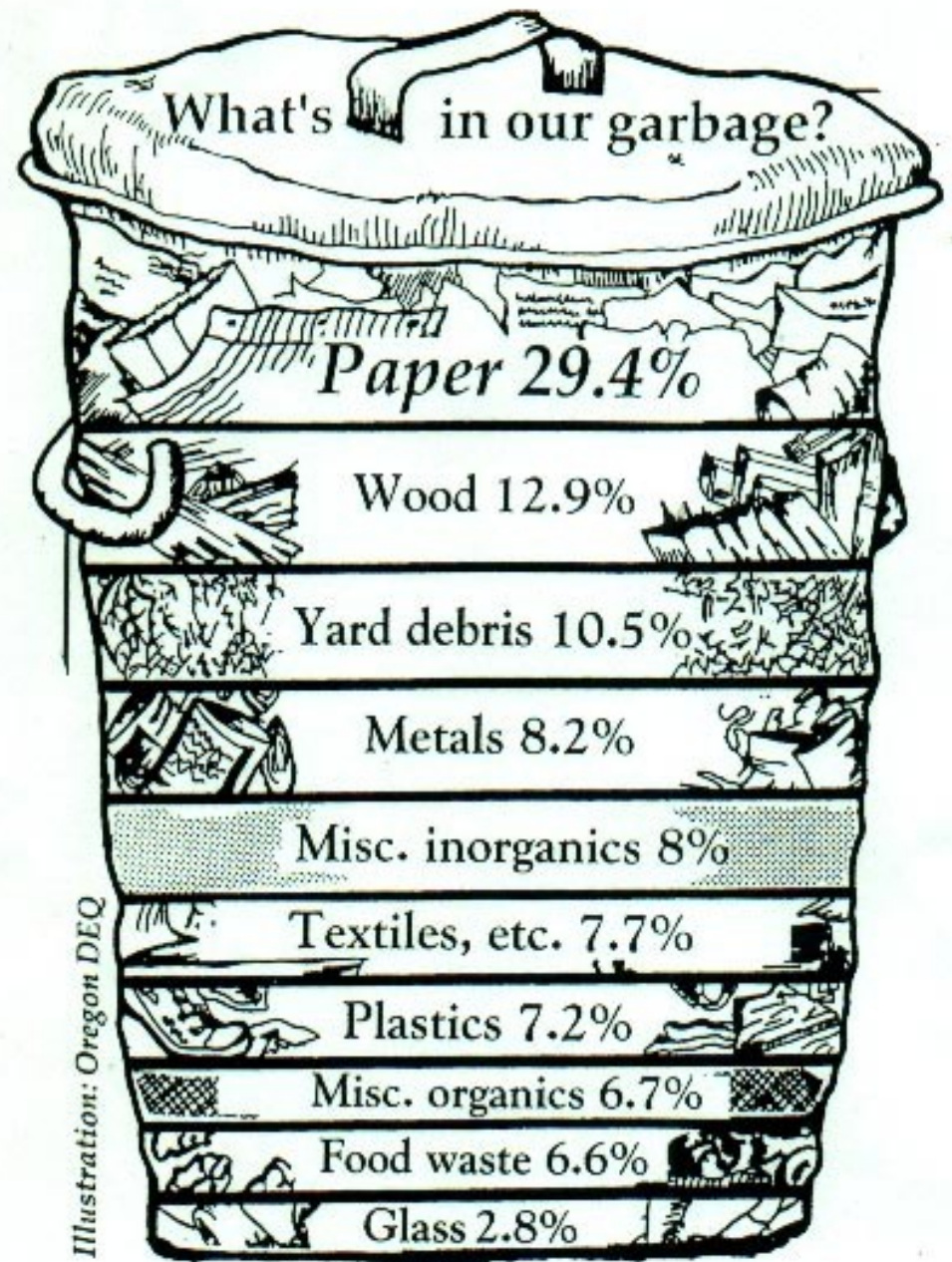
### Tip 8: Choose Recyclable Products and Containers and Recycle Them



When you've done all you can to avoid waste, recycle. Producing goods from recycled materials typically consumes less energy and conserves raw materials. Yet, our landfills are packed with many packages and products that can be recycled.



Consider products made of materials that are collected for recycling locally; in many communities, this includes glass, aluminum, steel, some paper and cardboard, and certain plastics.



**Did you know that composting is a form of recycling too?**

**Why Compost:**

Composting is nature's way of recycling. It is a satisfying way to turn your fruit, vegetable and yard trimmings into a dark, crumbly, sweet-smelling soil conditioner.

**Composting:**

**Saves you money** by lowering garbage bills and replacing store-bought soil conditioners.

**Helps garden and house plants** by improving the fertility and health of your soil.

**Saves water** by helping the soil hold moisture and reducing water runoff.

**Benefits the environment** by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the life of our landfill.



## FUN FACTS...

Do you know how long it takes for things to decompose?

Banana peel = 3-4 weeks

Paper bag = 1 month

Wool sock = 1 year

Wood = 10-15 years

Leather shoe = 40-50+ years

Tin can = 80-100 years

Aluminum can = 200-500 years

Disposable diaper = 500-600+ yrs

Plastic jug = 1 million years

Glass bottle = unknown, forever???

If you have a business or commercial property in Junction City, and you are interested in recycling, please contact City Hall at 541-998-2153. They will forward your information to one of our recycle specialists.



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